



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 258

LCO No. 2025



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT BROADENING THE DEFINITION OF CHILD CARE FACILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-93 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 As used in sections 17a-90 to 17a-121a, inclusive, and sections 17a-
4 145 to 17a-153, inclusive:

5 (1) "Child" means any person under eighteen years of age, except as
6 otherwise specified, or any person under twenty-one years of age who
7 is in full-time attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a
8 college or a state-accredited job training program;

9 (2) "Parent" means natural or adoptive parent;

10 (3) "Adoption" means the establishment by court order of the legal
11 relationship of parent and child;

12 (4) "Guardianship" means guardianship, unless otherwise specified,
13 of the person of a minor and refers to the obligation of care and

14 control, the right to custody and the duty and authority to make major
15 decisions affecting such minor's welfare, including, but not limited to,
16 consent determinations regarding marriage, enlistment in the armed
17 forces and major medical, psychiatric or surgical treatment;

18 (5) "Termination of parental rights" means the complete severance
19 by court order of the legal relationship, with all its rights and
20 responsibilities, between the child and his parent or parents so that the
21 child is free for adoption except it shall not affect the right of
22 inheritance of such child or the religious affiliation of such child;

23 (6) "Statutory parent" means the Commissioner of Children and
24 Families or that child-placing agency appointed by the court for the
25 purpose of giving a minor child or minor children in adoption;

26 (7) "Child-placing agency" means any agency within or without the
27 state of Connecticut licensed or approved by the Commissioner of
28 Children and Families in accordance with sections 17a-149 and 17a-
29 151, and in accordance with such standards which shall be established
30 by regulations of the Department of Children and Families;

31 (8) "Child care facility" means a congregate residential setting
32 licensed by the Department of Children and Families for the out-of-
33 home placement of children or youths under eighteen years of age, [or]
34 any person under twenty-one years of age who is in full-time
35 attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college or state
36 accredited job training program, or any person under twenty-five
37 years of age who is currently homeless, as defined in section 17a-484a;

38 (9) "Protective supervision" means a status created by court order
39 following adjudication of neglect whereby a child's place of abode is
40 not changed but assistance directed at correcting the neglect is
41 provided at the request of the court through the Department of
42 Children and Families or such other social agency as the court may
43 specify;

44 (10) "Receiving home" means a facility operated by the Department
45 of Children and Families to receive and temporarily care for children
46 in the guardianship or care of the commissioner;

47 (11) "Protective services" means public welfare services provided
48 after complaints of abuse, neglect or abandonment, but in the absence
49 of an adjudication or assumption of jurisdiction by a court;

50 (12) "Person responsible for the health, welfare or care of a child or
51 youth" means a child's or a youth's parent, guardian or foster parent;
52 an employee of a public or private residential home, agency or
53 institution or other person legally responsible in a residential setting;
54 or any staff person providing out-of-home care, including center-based
55 child day care, family day care or group day care, as defined in section
56 19a-77;

57 (13) "Foster family" means a person or persons, licensed by the
58 Department of Children and Families or approved by a licensed child-
59 placing agency, for the care of a child or children in a private home;

60 (14) "Prospective adoptive family" means a person or persons,
61 licensed by the Department of Children and Families or approved by a
62 licensed child-placing agency, who is awaiting the placement of, or
63 who has a child or children placed in their home for the purposes of
64 adoption; and

65 (15) "Person entrusted with the care of a child or youth" means a
66 person given access to a child or youth by a person responsible for the
67 health, welfare or care of a child or youth for the purpose of providing
68 education, child care, counseling, spiritual guidance, coaching,
69 training, instruction, tutoring or mentoring of such child or youth.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2016	17a-93
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Statement of Purpose:

To broaden the definition of "child care facility" to include persons under twenty-five years of age who are currently homeless.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]